OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR

FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: SB 2241
DATE 4/9/02
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SB 2441

SB 2441 outlines the comprehensive counseling services to be provided by school guidance counselors as the following:

- Academic and personal/social counseling
- Student assessment and assessment counseling
- Career and educational counseling
- Individual and group counseling
- Crisis intervention and preventive counseling
- Referrals to community agencies
- Educational consultations and collaboration with teachers, administrators, parents and community leaders
- Educational and career placement services
- Follow-up counseling services
- Conflict resolution; and,
- Other counseling duties or other duties as assigned by the school principal.

I have spoken to Peggy Caldwell of the MS Counseling Association and the association is happy with the bill. It passed as the Association wanted, except that the Legislature added the last bullet about "other duties as assigned by the principal," but the Association is okay with this addition.

SB 2441 is effective July 1, 2002.

I recommend that you sign SB 2441.